

# ‘Priceless’ last gift stolen

By Alesha Capone

A Tarneit robbery has left a woman feeling “absolutely shattered” after the thief stole a pair of headphones which were a gift from her late mother.

The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, said she was walking along Edmund Drive about 1.15pm on Saturday, July 17, wearing a pair of rose-gold Beats Solo3 headphones, which were the last present her mother – who had motor neurone disease – gave her before she died two years ago.

The woman said as she walked, she noticed a silver Ford sedan with a group of youths inside it stop near her.

She said a youth from the car snuck up on her and grabbed the headphones from behind, before running back to the car.

The woman, who is aged in her fifties, said she now felt too frightened to walk around Tarneit, despite needing to do so for health reasons.

“I’ve only lived in the area for about 12 months and now I’m too scared to go for a walk,” she said.

The woman said she was hoping whoever stole the headphones would hand them into a police station.

“I just want the headphones, for what they’re worth to somebody else – you might pay \$150 to \$200 for them – but they are priceless to me,” she said.

“They were mum’s last gift and whoever has them, if they have the compassion to return them, I’m happy to think about it never again.”

Police are investigating.

The youth is perceived to be of African appearance and about 20 years old.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or make a report online [www.crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au)



## Sending hugs to cancer patients

Two charities have come together to bring comfort to people being treated for cancer during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cure Cancer Australia and The Big Hug Box are hoping to deliver 500 Hug Boxes to cancer patients across nations, as lockdowns limit the number of visitors for people in hospital.

Cure Cancer Australia funds young medical and science professionals working across all areas of cancer research, and has raised \$75.7 million to support 534 research grants across more than five decades.

The Big Hug Box, founded by cancer survivor Lisa Greissl, provides gift boxes to patients suffering the illness. All profits from sales of the boxes are donated to Cure Cancer.

For the Give Australia a Hug initiative, supporters can choose to donate a Hug Box to a patient in their local area or let the charities decide where to allocate a box.

“The Big Hug Box came about because I wanted to create something that loved ones could gift to someone going through treatment when there are simply no words,” Ms Greissl said.

“By purchasing a Big Hug Box, you’ll not only be supporting a cancer patient, you’ll be contributing to the research that might one day put an end to this disease for good.”

Details: [curecancer.com.au/giveaustraliaahug](http://curecancer.com.au/giveaustraliaahug)

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